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FOR THE SECRETARY

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1. I NOTE FROM REPORTS OF YOUR MEETINGS WITH CANADIAN FONMIN SHARP AND DANSIH FONMIN ANDERSEN THAT TIME HAS "NOW" COME FOR MAJOR WORK IN NATO TO PRODUCE A STRONG, POSITIVE ATLANTIC DECLARATION (REFS A AND B). MOST COUNCIL MEMBERS INDICATED AT SEPTEMBER 26 NAC THAT THEY ARE EAGER TO BEGIN (REF C).

2. THERE WILL BE A STONG PUSH FOR THE OCTOBER 3 COUNCIL MEETING TO PROGRESS ON THE DRAFTING PROCESS, I HOPE I WILL HAVE GUIDANCE NOT LATER THAN THE MORNING OF TESDAY, OCTOBER 2. THE PERMREPS LUNCH THAT DAY WILL BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE THE NEXT DAY'S COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND THEREFORE THE STRUCTURE, SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE NATO DECLARATION.
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